

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Workforce Investment Board Act is
5 amended by changing Section 4.5 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3975/4.5)

7 Sec. 4.5. Duties.

8 (a) The Board must perform all the functions of a state
9 workforce investment board under the federal Workforce
10 Investment Act of 1998, any amendments to that Act, and any
11 other applicable federal statutes. The Board must also perform
12 all other functions that are not inconsistent with the federal
13 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 or this Act and that are
14 assumed by the Board under its bylaws or assigned to it by the
15 Governor.

16 (b) The Board must cooperate with the General Assembly and
17 make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly
18 concerning legislation necessary to improve upon statewide and
19 local workforce investment systems in order to increase
20 occupational skill attainment, employment, retention, or
21 earnings of participants and thereby improve the quality of the
22 workforce, reduce welfare dependency, and enhance the
23 productivity and competitiveness of the State. The Board must
24 annually submit a report to the General Assembly on the
25 progress of the State in achieving state performance measures
26 under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, including
27 information on the levels of performance achieved by the State
28 with respect to the core indicators of performance and the
29 customer satisfaction indicator under that Act. The report must
30 include any other items that the Governor may be required to
31 report to the Secretary of the United States Department of
32 Labor under Section 136(d) of the federal Workforce Investment

1 Act of 1998.

2 (b-5) The Board shall develop a method for measuring
3 Illinois' progress in transitioning to a high-skill,
4 high-wage, and high-productivity economy at the State,
5 regional, and local levels. The Board shall develop a set of
6 benchmarks that measure whether Illinois is developing a
7 globally competitive workforce that is aligned with the needs
8 of the current and emerging economy. The Board shall report
9 annually to the General Assembly on Illinois' progress on each
10 of the benchmarks. The Board shall make changes to these
11 benchmarks as necessary to improve measurement and reporting
12 while, at the same time, maintaining consistency across annual
13 reports. ~~The Board shall implement a method for measuring the~~
14 ~~progress of the State's workforce development system by using~~
15 ~~specified benchmarks. Those benchmarks are: (i) the~~
16 ~~educational level of working adults; (ii) the percentage of the~~
17 ~~adult workforce in education and training; (iii) adult~~
18 ~~literacy; (iv) the percentage of high school graduates~~
19 ~~transitioning to education or training; (v) the high school~~
20 ~~dropout rate; (vi) the number of youth transitioning from 8th~~
21 ~~grade to 9th grade; (vii) the percentage of individuals and~~
22 ~~families at economic self-sufficiency; (viii) the average~~
23 ~~growth in pay; (ix) net job growth; and (x) productivity per~~
24 ~~employee.~~

25 ~~The Board shall identify the most significant early~~
26 ~~indicators for each benchmark, establish a mechanism to collect~~
27 ~~data and track the benchmarks on an annual basis, and then use~~
28 ~~the results to set goals for each benchmark, to inform~~
29 ~~planning, and to ensure the effective use of State resources.~~

30 (c) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require or
31 allow the Board to assume or supersede the statutory authority
32 granted to, or impose any duties or requirements on, the State
33 Board of Education, the Board of Higher Education, the Illinois
34 Community College Board, any State agencies created under the
35 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, or any local education
36 agencies.

1 (d) No actions taken by the Illinois Human Resource
2 Investment Council before the effective date of this amendatory
3 Act of the 92nd General Assembly and no rights, powers, duties,
4 or obligations from those actions are impaired solely by this
5 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly. All actions taken
6 by the Illinois Human Resource Investment Council before the
7 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General
8 Assembly are ratified and validated.

9 (Source: P.A. 92-588, eff. 7-1-02; 93-331, eff. 1-1-04.)